

# Sen. Ted Kennedy, Jr. Top Legislative Accomplishments 2015 – 2018

## 1. Preserving and Protecting Our Environment

### 2018 Legislative Session

Bill No. (Bill No. and Public Act No.)	Bill Name	Final Status
SB 7 PA 18-82	AAC CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING AND RESILIENCY.	Public Act No. 18-82 Signed by Governor (6/6)
SB 104 PA 18-84	AA PROHIBITING THE USE OF RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATIC PESTICIDE MISTING SYSTEMS.	Public Act No. 18-84 Signed by Governor (6/6)
SB 106 PA 18-73	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF "CONNECTICUT GROWN" PRODUCTS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AQUACULTURE SITE DESIGNATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM.	Public Act 18-73 Signed by Governor (6/4)
SB 341 PA 18-181*	AAC CLOTHING FIBER POLLUTION.	*This bill was amended onto HB 5360 (PA 18-181) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/14.
SB 343 PA 18-181*	AAC THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE SAFETY PLANS OF CERTAIN CHEMICAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE.	*This bill was amended onto HB 5360 (PA 18-181) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/14.
SB 345 PA 18-181*	AAC CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.	*This bill was amended onto HB 5360 (PA 18-181) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/14.
SB 426 PA 18-54	AAC ABANDONED FISHING GEAR IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.	Public Act No. 18-54 Signed by Governor (6/4)
SB 429 PA 18-7	AAC THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS.	Public Act No. 18-7 Signed by Governor (5/24)
HB 5130 PA 18-97	AAC THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT AND EXPANDING CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR WASTEWATER OPERATORS.	Public Act No. 18-97 Signed by Governor (6/7)
HB 5364 PA 18-112	AAC THE PROTECTION OF HORSESHOE CRABS.	Public Act No. 18-112 Signed by Governor (6/7)
HB 5454	AAC NINETY-DAY PERMIT TURNAROUND	Public Act No. 18-121

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PA 18-121	TIMES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Signed by the Governor (5/29)

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SB 833 PA 17-21	AAC BEE INSPECTIONS.	Public Act No. 17-21 Signed by the Governor (6/16)
SB 836 PA 17-78	AAC CIVIL PENALTY REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN REPORTS UNDER THE PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 17-78 Signed by the Governor (6/27)
SB 943 PA 17-218	AAC THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN SOLAR FACILITIES ON PRODUCTIVE FARMLANDS, INCENTIVES FOR THE USE OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS BY AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMER HOSTS, APPLICATIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF KELP IN CERTAIN BIOFUELS AND THE PERMITTING OF WASTE CONVERSION FACILITIES.	Public Act No. 17-218 Signed by the Governor (7/10)
SB 997	AAC CONNECTICUT'S KELP INDUSTRY AND THE STATE'S NITROGEN CREDIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.	Not Called for Vote in Senate *Although different from the initial intent of SB 997, SB 943 was amended to assist the Kelp industry by authorizing DEEP to assist businesses in applying for the EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard Program's heating oil program.
SB 999 PA 17-218*	AA ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE HARNESSING OF COW POWER IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.	*This bill was amended onto SB 943 (PA 17-218) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 7/10.
HB 5873 PA 17-230*	AA REQUIRING NOTICE PRIOR TO PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS BY RAILROAD COMPANIES AND REQUIRING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANS BY SUCH COMPANIES.	*This bill was amended onto SB 7055 (PA 17-230) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 7/11.

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HB 5884 PA 17-113	AA PROHIBITING THE USE OF COAL TAR SEALANTS ON STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS.	Public Act No. 17-113 Signed by the Governor (7/6)
HB 6334 PA 17-167	AA REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS.	Public Act No. 17-167 Signed by the Governor (7/7)
HB 6356 PA 17-117	AAC PUBLIC NOTICE OF TREE REMOVAL ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.	Public Act No. 17-117 Signed by the Governor (7/6)
HB 7065 PA 17-218*	AA AUTHORIZING THE PERMITTING OF WASTE CONVERSION FACILITIES.	*This bill was amended onto SB 943 (PA 17-218) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 7/10.

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SB 76 PA 16-37	AAC CONNECTICUT'S FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 16-37 Signed by the Governor (5/27)
SB 81 PA 16-38	AAC THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER AS A WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.	Public Act No. 16-38 Signed by the Governor (5/25)
SB 136 PA 16-187	AA REGULATING THE USE OF JETTED ARTICULATED VESSELS AND CERTAIN WATER SKIING DEVICES.	Public Act No. 16-187 Signed by the Governor (6/9)
SB 231 PA 16-17	AAC POLLINATOR HEALTH.	Public Act No. 16-17 Signed by the Governor (5/6)
SB 233 SA 16-6	AAC A REDUCTION OF CONSUMER-BASED PACKAGING MATERIALS.	Special Act 16-6 Signed by the Governor (6/3)
HB 5147 PA 16-96	AA INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES OF MALICIOUS AND INTENTIONAL ANIMAL CRUELTY.	Public Act No. 16-96 Signed by the Governor (6/1)

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HB 5150 PA 16-86	AAC TREE WARDENS' NOTICES ON TREES AND SHRUBS PRIOR TO REMOVAL AND TREE REMOVAL AND CLEAN-UP BY PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATIONS.	Public Act No. 16-86 Signed by the Governor (6/1)
HB 5189 PA 16-122	AA AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FOR CERTAIN LITTERING VIOLATIONS AND REQUIRING CERTAIN REPORTS AND DISCLOSURES BY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE.	Public Act No. 16-122 Signed by the Governor (6/9)
HB 5242 PA 16-46	AAC AGRICULTURAL VIRTUAL NET METERING.	Public Act No. 16-46 Signed by the Governor (5/25)
HB 5344 PA 16-30	AAC SUPPORT FOR CATS AND DOGS THAT ARE NEGLECTED OR TREATED CRUELLY.	Public Act No. 16-30 Signed by the Governor (5/26)
HB 5383 PA 16-107	AAC THE FARM VIABILITY MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM AND THE CONNECTICUT FARM LINK PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 16-107 Signed by the Governor (6/2)

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SB 346 PA 15-22	AAC THE FARMLAND RESTORATION AND VACANT LANDS PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Public Act No. 15-22 Signed by the Governor (6/4)
SB 347 PA 15-23	AAC THE PERCENTAGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE OPEN SPACE UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 15-23 Signed by the Governor (6/4)
SB 351 PA 15-19	AAC THE TASK FORCE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS.	Public Act No. 15-19 Signed by the Governor (7/2)
SB 366 June 2015 SS PA 15-5*	AAC NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS.	* SB 366 was incorporated into SB 1502 (June 2015 SS PA 15-5) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor

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SB 867 PA 15-92	AAC THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIREWOOD TRANSPORT RESTRICTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Public Act No. 15-92 Signed by the Governor (6/22)
SB 870 PA 15-103	AAC THE DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.	Public Act No. 15-103 Signed by the Governor (6/22)
SB 1062 PA 15-190	AA PROVIDING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 15-190 Signed by the Governor (7/2)
SB 1063 June 2015 SS PA 15-5*	AAC THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS.	* SB 366 was incorporated into SB 1502 (June 2015 SS PA 15-5) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/30.
HB 5286 June 2015 SS PA 15-5*	AA PROHIBITING THE IMPORT AND SALE OF COSMETICS THAT CONTAIN MICROBEADS.	* HB 5286 was incorporated into SB 1502 (June 2015 SS PA 15-5) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/30.
HB 5707 PA 15-201	AA REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG.	Public Act No. 15-201 Signed by the Governor (7/10)
HB 6035 PA 15-66* June SS PA 15-5*	AAC THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES AT STATE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS.	*The original draft of the bill concerning the Long Island Sound Blue Plan was incorporated into HB 6839 (PA 15-66) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/19.  * The amended draft of the bill concerning pesticide applications was incorporated into SB 1502 (June 2015 SS PA 15-5) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/30.

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**2. Advancing the Equality, Health and Independent Living for Seniors and People With Disabilities**

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HB 5152 PA 18-148*	AAC THE PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED IN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS THROUGH THE USE OF TELEHEALTH.	*This Bill was amended onto SB 302 (PA 18-148) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/12.
SB 302 PA 18-148	AAC TELEHEALTH SERVICES.	Public Act No. 18-141 Signed by the Governor (6/12)
SB 463 SA 18-2	AA ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND PILOT PROGRAMS TO ESTABLISH AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE MODELS FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.	Special Act No. 18-2 Signed by the Governor (5/24)
SB 511 PA 18-186*	AAC OPIOIDS.	*Section 1 and 3 of SB 511 was incorporated into SB 483 (PA 18-166) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/14.

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Bill No. (Bill No. and Public Act No.)	Bill Name	Final Status
SB 246 PA 17-6	AAC A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.	Public Act No. 17-61 Signed by the Governor (6/27)
SB 445 PA 17-241	AAC CONTRACTS BETWEEN A PHARMACY AND A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER, THE BIDIRECTIONAL EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS AND THE CHARGING OF FACILITY FEES BY A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH SYSTEM.	Public Act No. 17-241 Signed by the Governor (7/10)

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SB 546 PA 17-154	AAC PARTICIPATING PROVIDER DIRECTORIES AND PROVIDERS ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS ON AN OUTPATIENT SERVICES BASIS.	Public Act No. 17-154 Signed by the Governor (7/6)
SB 922 PA 17-155	AAC TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES.	Public Act No. 17-155 Signed by the Governor (7/6)
SB 968 PA 17-85	AA ESTABLISHING A HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP.	Public Act No. 17-85 Signed by the Governor (6/30)
HB 7020 PA 17-123	AA REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE.	Public Act No. 17-123 Signed by the Governor (7/5)
HB 7032 PA 17-124	AA REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 17-124 Signed by the Governor (7/5)

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SB 131 PA 16-158	AAC THE WORKING GROUP ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UTILIZATION.	Public Act No. 16-158 Signed by the Governor (6/7)
HB 5050 PA 16-78	AA MODERNIZING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.	Public Act No. 16-78 Signed by the Governor (6/1)
HB 5053 PA 16-43	AAC OPIOIDS AND ACCESS TO OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS.	Public Act No. 16-43 Signed by the Governor (5/27)

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**3. Creating Jobs for the New Economy, and Stimulating Economic Growth**

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Bill No. (Bill No. and Public Act No.)	Bill Name	Final Status
SB 962 SA 17-2	AAC THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVALUATIVE METRICS FOR BIOSCIENCE INVESTMENTS IN THE STATE.	Special Act No. 17-2 Signed by the Governor (6/9)
HB 5583 PA 17-110	AA EXPANDING INVESTMENT ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.	Public Act No. 17-110 Signed by the Governor (6/30)

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Bill No. (Bill No. and Public Act No.)	Bill Name	Final Status
SB 319 PA 15-138	AAC FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION.	Public Act No. 15-138 Signed by the Governor (6/23)
SB 357 June 2018 SS PA 15-5*	AAC THE PROMOTION OF THE SHELLFISH INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT.	*Section 1 of SB 357 was incorporated into SB 1502 (June 2015 SS PA 15-5) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/30.
SB 866 PA 15-35	AAC THE LEASING OF LIGHTHOUSE BOTTOMLANDS.	Public Act No. 15-35 Signed by the Governor (6/5)
HB 6733 PA 15-52	AAC CERTAIN COMMERCIAL FISHERY LICENSURE REFORMS.	Public Act No. 15-52 Signed by the Governor (6/19)
HB 6830 PA 15-193	AAC THE REMEDIAL ACTION AND REDEVELOPMENT MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM, THE TARGETED BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM AND THE REMEDIATION OF STATE-OWNED AND FORMERLY STATE-OWNED BROWNFIELDS.	Public Act No. 15-193 Signed by the Governor (7/2)
HB 6839	AAC A LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN AND	Public Act No. 15-66



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PA 15-66	RESOURCE AND USE INVENTORY.	Signed by the Governor (6/19)

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**4. Protecting Connecticut Taxpayers, Cutting Spending and Streamlining Government**

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HB 5356 PA 18-113	AAC EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS.	Public Act No. 18-113 Signed by the Governor (6/7)
HB 5453 PA 18-118	AAC THE RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.	Public Act No. 18-118 Signed by the Governor (6/7)

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HB 5416 PA 17-146*	AAC THE THRESHOLD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS.	*This bill was amended onto HB 7222 (PA 17-146) which passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 6/30.
HB 6333 PA 17-208	AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELATING TO THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT.	Public Act No. 17-208 Signed by the Governor (7/5)

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SB 386 PA 16-5	AAC THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE PARKS.	Public Act No. 16-5 Signed by the Governor (5/5)

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SB 940 PA 15-38	AAC THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NITROGEN CREDIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.	Public Act 15-38 Signed by the Governor (6/5)
SB 1061 PA 15-106	AAC THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE PARKS.	Public Act 15-106 Signed by the Governor (6/23)
HB 6730 PA 15-160	AAC THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE I VAPOR RECOVERY RESTRICTIONS AND SULFUR CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTILLATE FUELS.	Public Act 15-160 Signed by the Governor (7/2)